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Used to locate vetted and relevant websites on the Cold War, Civil Rights etc. as well as primary sources in their section “Many Pasts.”

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Your one stop shopping for 1950s popular culture. It has an incredible collection of Fifties social history: music, movies, television fads etc.

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Set to the popular Billy Joel song, this fast-paced flash presentation provides a visual tour of history 1945-89 in less than five minutes.

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Organized by historical era and major themes, this site contains a vast amount of primary source material, interactive maps, lesson plans, fact sheets, and discussion questions.
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This is a wonderful collection of audio speeches. You can hear JFK’s inauguration address, Ralph Ellison on the *Invisible Man*, Allen Ginsberg discuss the Beat Generation, and even hear the news broadcast of the Columbia University riots.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/
This site contains bios and the key events of every president.